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FROM USDEL LOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: WEEKLY CLASSIFIED SUMMARY WEEK ENDING MARCH 19

1. SUMMARY: IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT
SUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PERMIT
AGREEMENT ON BASIC DIFFERENCES AT GENEVA. MOST SUPPORT CON-
FERENCE PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT MINIMUM REQUIRED ACCOMPLISHMENT
AT GENEVA IS AGREED ARTICLE TEXTS ON COMMITTEE-2 ESSENTIAL
ISSUES. SOME HARDLINERS WERE SHOWING SIGNS OF FLEXIBILITY
ON SOME C-II ISSUES. MODERATES APPEAR TO BE GAINING GROUND
PHILOSOPHICALLY IN C-I BUT THERE IS AS YET NO INDICATION
OF SUBSTANTIAL BREAKTHROUGH ON SPECIFICS. EVENSEN GROUP
IS PROCEEDING WITH DRAFT ON ECONOMIC ZONE ARTICLES
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WITH HOPE OF PRODUCING TEXT FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN

TWO WEEKS. IT IS OBVIOUS TO ALL THAT KEY TO CONFERENCE WILL BE NEGOTIATION DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS, INCLUDING PROBE OF U.S. POSITIONS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER REQUISITE POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION ON KEY ISSUES IS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK: COMMITTEE I. IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN ENGO, PINTO, WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP IN CARACAS, INDICATED INTENTION TO PROCEED IN WORKING GROUP WITH FOCUS ON DISCUSSION OF BASIC CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION WHICH MIGHT ILLUMINATE LATER RECONSIDERATION OF CONTENTS OF ARTICLE 9 (WHO SHALL EXPLOIT). FOR GROUP OF 77 DISCUSSION OF SEABED ITEMS SEE PARA (6).

3. COMMITTEE 2: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION C-2 IS HOLDING FORMAL MEETINGS ONLY IN MORNING TO PERMIT INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN AFTERNOON ORGANIZED BY CHAIRMAN AND EVENSEN GROUP. MORNING MEETINGS SERVE TO OCCUPY CONFERENCE DELEGATES NOT ENGAGED IN INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES ON LESS CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES HAS NOT COME ABOUT DUE LARGELY TO LACK OF FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP BY CHAIRMAN GALINDO POHL (EL SALVADOR). WHILE ONE INFORMAL GROUP WAS MEETING WITH HIM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, CONCURRENT INFORMAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT PROMPTING OF SOVS ELECTED AFGHAN REP AS CHAIRMAN OF GROUP. HE SUBSEQUENTLY PRODUCED "COMPROMISE" TEXT ON TERRITORIAL SEA REplete WITH FUNDAMENTAL MISCONCEPTIONS. AFGHAN AMB. AKRAN IS NEW HEAD OF DEL, UNFAMILIAR WITH LOS ISSUES, AND AT INFORMAL MEETING WITH AMB. STEVENSON EXPRESSED SOME PUZZLEMENT AS TO ROLE HE WAS TO PLAY. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT DESPITE SOME GRUMBLING MAIN NEGOTIATIONS AND DRAFTING ON ECONOMIC ZONE IS IN EVENSEN GROUP WHICH IS PROCEEDING WITH DAILY AND AFTERNOON MEETINGS.

4. COMMITTEE 3: ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF C-3 IS ALSO SUFFERING FROM PROBLEM OF INTERFACE WITH EVENSEN GROUP SINCE CHAIRMAN YANKOV, U.S. AND SEVERAL OTHERS WANT VESSEL POLLUTION ISSUES NEGOTIATED IN EVENSEN GROUP. CONFIDENTIAL

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MAIN EVENT OF OPENING DAYS WAS INTRODUCTION BY SOVS AFTER WIDESPREAD CONSULTATION, BUT NOT WITH U.S., OF ARTICLES ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WHICH PROVIDE INTERALIA FOR CONSENT ON SHELF RESEARCH, CONSENT ON EXPLORATION IN ECONOMIC ZONE RELATED TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF RESEARCH DATA. ON QUESTION OF INTRODUCTION OF GROUP OF 17 DRAFT ARTICLES ON MARINE POLLUTION U.S. HAS DECIDED NOT TO

CO-SPONSOR SINCE DRAFT DOES NOT PROTECT ADEQUATELY
PORT STATE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND SOVIETS WILL
APPARENTLY INTRODUCE THEIR OWN ARTICLES.

5. EVENSEN GROUP: GROUP IS MEETING EVERY AFTERNOON
ON ECONOMIC ZONE TEXT WHICH, IF IT CAN BE COMPLETED,
AS CONTEMPLATED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, WILL HAVE GREAT
ADVANTAGE OF PRE-EMPTING THE FLOOR IN C-2 DISCUSSIONS.

6. GROUP OF 77: GROUP MET FOR WEEK PRIOR TO OPENING
OF CONFERENCE AND SEVERAL TIMES SINCE PRINCIPALLY ON
C-1 ISSUES. THEY ARE WORKING INTENSIVELY ON MACHINERY
ARTICLES AND INTEND MEET DAILY IN ATTEMPT REACH AGREE-
MENT. WE UNDERSTAND 77 DRAFT, WHILE PROTECTING LDC
INTERESTS, IS PERCEIVED BY THEM AS MAJOR STEP TOWARDS
U.S., PRINCIPALLY ON COUNCIL COMPOSITION. GROUP DIS-
CUSSION HAS FOCUSED ON FORMULAS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
COUNCIL THAT WOULD ENSURE OVERLAPPING BALANCE OF
DEVELOPED, CONSUMER AND PRODUCER DEVELOPING COUNTRY
INTERESTS. FONSECA (COLOMBIA) SAID 77 CURRENT DRAFTING
EFFORT ON INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY ARTICLES MIGHT
TAKE FROM THREE WEEKS TO MONTH. MANY DELS HAVE MADE
POINT OF CONVEYING MESSAGE TO USDEL THAT MODERATES
HAVE MADE HARD AND SUCCESSFUL FIGHT IN 77
MEETINGS AND NOW FORTHCOMING RESPONSE FROM US IS
NEEDED IN EARLY WEEKS OR EXTREMISTS LIKELY TO REGAIN
CONTROL OF C-1 NEGOTIATIONS.

7. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND LIAISON REPORTS: IN-
FORMAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONTINUING ON BILATERAL
ISSUES INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS ON FISHERIES QUESTIONS,
SEPARATELY REPORTED, AND BY AMBASSADOR MOORE AND RADM
MORRIS ON STRAITS ISSUES. AMB. STEVENSON HAS HELD SERIES
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OF MEETINGS DESIGNED PRIMARILY MEET NEW HEADS OF DELEGATION,
AND HEADS OF DELEGATION OF COUNTRIES NOT PART OF CONFERENCE
LEADERSHIP. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS NUMBER LANDLOCKED
COUNTRIES AGAIN STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO
SEA ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY SEE AS SHRINKING OF
COMMON HERITAGE. AFRICAN AND ARAB GROUPS ARE BOTH MEETING
IN COURSE OF WEEK. ARAB GROUP CLEARLY STILL DIVIDED
ON STRAITS ISSUE ACCORDING TO SADI (JORDAN), A SPLIT
WHICH WAS INDICATED IN PARTICIPATION BY OMAN WITH SPANISH
AND MOROCCO IN EFFORT IN C-2 TO INCLUDE STRAITS IN
TERRITORIAL SEA DEFINITION.

8. COMMENT: USDEL CONCURS WITH GENERAL ASSESSMENT THAT
FIRST TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE CRITICAL.
UPCOMING GROUP OF 5 MEETING MAY PULL TOGETHER SOME

FRAYING EDGES INCLUDING SOMEWHAT PUZZLING ACTIVITIES
OF SOVIET DEL WHICH MAY BE DUE TO PRESENCE OF NUMBER OF
SENIOR MINISTERS UNFAMILIAR WITH LOS HAMPERING FLEXIBILITY
OF REGULAR LOS NEGOTIATORS. DALE

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